

February 17, 2006

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Presentation***
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, February 17, 2006, Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, and Paul Garnett, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA – The Wireless Association® met with Barry Ohlson and Scott Bergmann, Office of Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein, to urge adoption of a numbers- and capacity-based universal service contribution methodology. CTIA's numbers- and capacity-based proposal, which is detailed in the attached presentation, would appropriately balance the following goals: (1) A sustainable and predictable universal service contribution base; (2) Ensuring that all providers of interstate telecommunications contribute on an equitable and nondiscriminatory basis; (3) Ensuring that no consumer group is unfairly advantaged or disadvantaged as a result of the transition to a new system; and (4) Minimizing administrative burdens and/or costs for contributors.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter, along with all of the materials distributed at the meeting, is being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Garnett

Paul Garnett

Attachment

cc: Barry Ohlson
Scott Bergmann